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LOG OF MEETING
DIRECTORATE FOR ENGINEERING SCIENCES

SUBJECT: Meeting to discuss CPSC Activities on Playground
Equipment Safety

DATE OF MEETING: March 27, 1996 **PLACE:** East West Towers, Rm. 612

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: John Preston, ES *JP*

COMMISSION ATTENDEES: John Preston, ES

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Catherine Remme, Alaska Public
Interest Research Group

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

M. Remme requested the meeting to discuss CPSC staff involvement in playground safety activities and to tell of special hazards associated with the use of playground equipment in the winter in Alaska.

John Preston informed Ms. Remme of an activity to harmonize an ASTM standard for public playground equipment (ASTM F1487) with an equivalent Canadian standard. He said that CPSC staff may make some changes to the Handbook for Public Playground Safety at such time as the harmonized ASTM/Canadian standards are finalized.

Ms. Remme displayed a number of photographs of playground equipment in Anchorage, Alaska. Many of the photographs showed special problems associated with deep snow on the playgrounds. She said that the only loose-fill surfacing material that does not freeze into a solid mass in Alaska is pea gravel.

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